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A Symposium of Authorities on War and Peace.

Popular opinion on what is America's duty in the present war crisis is far from settled if the difference of opinions shown by many important speakers is any indication. Prominent leaders, thinkers, educators and statesmen from all parts of the world speak freely according to their lights. Expression of sentiment on current affairs is frank and free.

Indications show that popular opinion is unformed, that our knowledge of the present European situation is obscure and that there is no definite American policy in regard to Germany and our duty as a Christian nation in furthering world peace.

Here are a few concise opinions from important personages who have addressed Chautauqua Assembly this summer:

Miss Jane Adams of Hull House, Chicago, said, "The Germans are not the blood thirsty nation most of us think. Prime Minister Delcasse of France was the most belligerent man we met among the war parties of Europe. I think Germany would gladly make peace with the world. America has a great privilege and duty as largest neutral nation with power enough to really force world peace. We should stand for a great neutral commission at The Hague which can systematically urge peace."

Dr. Charles E. Jefferson, chairman of the Church Peace Union, of New York City, said, "Preparedness for war in the United States is not only unnecessary but is an invitation to war. Peace at any price is better than war at any price. The United States has no cause for war with Germany. All Christian churches must organize against the military tendency in the U. S. A. Militarism is un-American; it is un-Christian; it is inefficient and out of date. Europe has tried militarism and instead of peace, self-protection and safety, it has brought the most horrible war mankind has yet witnessed upon them all. A nation cannot stand for a large army and navy and be sincerely Christian at heart. The Church must stand for universal peace and brotherly love or will be crushed out as the churches of Europe have been crushed by militarism."

Mrs. Percy V. Pennybacker, President of the Federation of Woman's Clubs of America, said, "The two million women of our federation stand as a unit behind President Wilson in whatever he may do. He is sane and conservative, yet we know he will not allow our dignity and honor as a nation to be insulted. I do not believe America can be dragged into the war. Personally as an older and more experienced woman I would rather brook many minor insults than snatch up the gauntlet and plunge into war."

Dean Shailer Mathews of the University of Chicago Divinity School said, "The Christian Church does not primarily demand peace. It does demand the great fundamentals of brotherly love and the administration of justice among all people. Our path is, not yet clear. But our duty is to educate mankind so that diplomats will have a backing of good will and friendliness amongst their people to work with

rather than a military backing merely. Justice cannot be obtained by fighting for 'rights.'"

President Arthur E. Bestor of Chautauqua Institution gave intimate personal sketches of the royal heads of Europe and a brief summary of their military forces. He emphasized the necessity of loyalty to our government and co-operation with President Wilson in any action he might take.

Dr. Herbert Adams Gibbons of Paris, author and journalist, said, "We Americans are Anglo-Saxons first of all and should stay by our British brethren. Their fight is our fight. Their loss will be our loss. Their gain will be our gain. We may be neutral as a nation but we cannot be neutral as individuals in the face of Germany's threats. We must prepare for war."

Dr. Lincoln Wirt, special representative of the World Peace Foundation, described the horrors of war as he had seen them in France and Belgium. He said, "In war the guilty escape and the innocent pay the price. Out of the 22 millions of men fighting in Europe 10 millions or nearly one-half have been killed, wounded or made prisoners. One-fourth are dead and another fourth are already cripples for life. And the war has been in progress only a year. War impoverishes and pauperizes. War does not settle any question in dispute with justice. America's great duty is to remain neutral and to use her best offices with the crowned heads of Europe for the establishment of a lasting peace."

Norman Angell of London, author of "The Great Illusion," said, "It is folly to think that the victors profit by war. The conquerors suffer just as surely as do the conquered. The best men of a nation are wiped out. The women folks are left with a burden that oppresses them for generations." He declared that armaments could never secure justice nor enforce peace and that the only way international rights could be secured thru "a fundamental reform and recasting of international law." He said, "We must internationalize the world. America is the greatest single unit in political and economic power. Therefore it is America's duty to lean this movement."

Congressman Simeon D. Fess of Ohio, President of Antioch College, said, "We Americans are too apathetic. I am not an alarmist, but I believe we must prepare ourselves with strong military force. I am going to vote for more submarines and aeroplanes, for better coast defense, and for a bigger army and navy. We must make other nations respect the stars and stripes. If Germany does not disavow the responsibility for the Arabic torpedoing, President Wilson will have to break off diplomatic relations."

E. J. Ward, Wisconsin's State Advisor on Civic Improvement, said, "Militarism is merely high-power Beckerism. We killed Becker for hiring gunmen for his protection. Yet we now talk of hiring a great force of gunmen whom we will call soldiers for our national self-protection. The time has come when nations must submit to the rules of law and order, to an international police power, and to a international court of justice. Nations must arbitrate their case before The Hague just as individuals in America must arbitrate their cases before a court of justice."

Dr. Frank W. Gunsaulus, President of Armour Institute, Chicago, said, "The great war in Europe has come because men lost their self control; they forgot the laws of God just as the Hebrews broke the tables of stone which contained God's laws."

"The United States must be the Moses, chosen of God who can go

to Mt. Sinai and receive the new tables of stone with the law graven on them. It is America's privilege and holy duty to renew peace in the world, to establish firmly God's commandments for peace and good will amongst all men."

Dr. Hamilton W. Mabie, Associate Editor of the Outlook Magazine, Hon. Amos P. Wilder, former Consul-General of China, and Bishop James W. Bashford spoke on our American relations in the Orient. All declared that China and Japan had good reasons to regard the United States as an imperialistic nation and that we must take care to make friends and not foes of the yellow men. All emphasized the idea that race prejudices must be abolished and that a more friendly attitude between the Occident and the Orient must be established if Christianity is to become an international power.

Why Nations Are Fighting.

A Chinese boy in a mission school wrote the following composition, which was printed in the Central China Post:

"Now there is a great battle in Europe. This began because the prince of Austria went to Serbia with his wife. One man of Serbia killed them. Austria got angry and so fight Serbia. Germany writes a letter to Austria, I will help you. Russia write a letter to Austria, I will help you. France did not want to fight but got ready their soldiers. Germany write a letter to France, you don't get ready or I will fight you in nine hours. Germany to fight them, pass Belgium, Belgium say, I am a country, I am not a road, and Belgium write a letter to England about Germany to them. So England fight or Belgium."

And this is about as plain as the explanations of the diplomats as to the cause of the war.

Hannibal Is Designated Big Four Trail Crossing.

Hannibal has been designated as the Mississippi River crossing of the Big Four Trail, which recently was extended to Kansas City.

The road begins at Terre Haute, Ind., and probably will consolidate with the Hannibal St. Joseph Cross-state Highway. Secretary Harry Scheidker of the Commercial Club has just returned from Mattoon, Ill., where the announcement was made.

Louisiana, which sought the crossing, failed to insure the association advantages offered by Hannibal. There is a bridge at Louisiana, but it is used for railroad traffic, alone and a ferry is the only means of crossing the river.

Hannibal's advantages with a wagon bridge caused the association to reconsider this city's plea for the road.

From Hannibal the trail will proceed to Brookfield and Chillicothe and thence to Kansas City.

A Bishop's Advice.

Bishop John Heyl Vincent, the venerable founder of the American Chautauqua Movement and the Home Reading Circles gives the following crisp advice for long life and happiness:

- 1 "Keep an interest in books and human nature.
- 2 "Do not overwork and do not be idle.
- 3 "Keep away from the blues.
- 4 "Look on the humorous side of life.
- 5 "Live as long as you can.
- 6 "Do not die if you can help it.
- 7 "Plan to go to heaven and stay a long time."

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L. M. Wood.

CHAUTAUQUA REPORT

Monroe City, Mo., September 4, 1915.

Mr L. M. Wood, Monroe City Chautauqua Association, Monroe City, Mo.

Dear Sir:

I beg to submit the following report of our receipts and expenditures for the Chautauqua of 1915:

Receipts.	
Gate receipts	\$ 270 90
Contributions	265 00
Season tickets	1114 50
Stand privilege	8 00
	\$1658 40

Disbursements.	
Prog. am.	\$1275 00
Rent of tent	80 00
Freight on tent	48 04
Printing and advertising	65 46
Drage	24 75
Express and postage	5 77
Muslin	2 13
Lumber	4 90
Labor	64 00
Electric light and wiring	8 05
Nails, staples and rent of wire fence	9 23
Straw	1 00
Note due Monroe City Bank for deficiency of 1914	30 93 \$1619 26
Balance on hand	39 14
We also have on hand unredeemed pledges amounting to	128 50

Respectfully submitted.

M. D. PROCTOR, Treasurer.

School time again



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